of them 17 persons were convicted, 1 acquitted, 4 discharged and trial was pending in respect of the remaining 9 persons.

74. Thirty-eight (38) persons were surrendered from Mysore State to the other States of the Union. Out of these, 22 persons were surrendered to the Madras State, 8 to the Bombay Province, 3 to Coorg, 3 to Hyderabad, 1 to West Bengal and 1 to Madhya Bharat.

(vi) Criminal Justice.

75. Excluding Revenue Officers who were *Ex-officio* Magistrates, the number of Judges and Magistrates exercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 74 (73).

76. The total number of offences reported during the year was 81,325 (55,706). The number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 1,19,470 during the year (excluding 319 persons for trial before the Sessions Courts) against 85,439 in the previous year. Of the persons brought to trial, the cases in respect of 1,01,542 (70,283) were disposed of. The total number of persons convicted was 70,583 and the number acquitted or discharged was 27,221. The number of persons whose cases were left pending at the end of the year was 17,928.

77. The number of persons brought to trial for offences punishable under Special and Local Laws was 82,749 (54,434). The cases against 75,491 persons were disposed of and 64,374 persons were convicted.

78. The Benches of Honorary Magistrates had before them 26,647 cases involving 29,967 persons during the year as against 21,947 cases involving 23,326 persons in the previous year. They disposed of 24,526 cases involving 26,869 persons. Bench Courts.

79. The District Magistrates disposed of 20 cases involving 32 persons. District Magistrates.

80. The average duration of cases in the Courts of Honorary Bench Magistrates, in the Courts of the District Magistrates and in the Sessions Courts was 30·65 (31·6), 39·87 (35·56) and 87·46 (87·79) respectively. In the Courts of Stipendiary Magistrates, the average duration of trials was 48·96 (57·03).

PROTECTION

81. The appellate Courts subordinate to the High Court had for disposal 1,394 (800) regular appeals involving 1,906 (1,244) persons. Of these, 1,161 appeals involving 1,525 persons were disposed of, leaving 233 (132) appeals pending at the end of the year. In the Magistrates' Courts, out of 530 cases including 57 pending at the beginning of the year, 385 (233) were disposed of, leaving a balance of 145. In the Sessions Courts, there were for disposal 864 appeals including 75 pending from the previous year, 776 appeals were disposed of leaving 88 pending at the end of the year.

82. The total number of criminal appeals for disposal by the High Court was 61 (41). The number of appeals disposed of was 38. In 24 appeals, involving 59 persons, the convictions and sentences were confirmed, in 8 cases concerning 8 persons, the sentences were reduced or altered and on 6 appeals concerning 13 persons the sentences were reversed.

83. The average duration of appeals disposed of by the High Court was 114·23 (107·7) days. The average duration of regular appeals disposed of by Sessions Judges was 39·79 (46·29) days and that of the appeals disposed of by the Magistrates was 51·94 (53·48) days.

Revision.

84. The number of revision cases pending at the beginning of the year before the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates was 21 and 46 respectively. The Sessions Judges disposed of 117 cases and the District Magistrates 156 cases.

85. The number of cases referred to the High Court by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates or taken by the High Court *suo motu* in revision was 20 involving 64 persons.

86. Under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 5 cases involving 5 persons were referred to the High Court during the year for confirmation of the sentences of death passed on the accused. In one case involving 1 person, the sentence of death was confirmed and in 6 cases involving six persons the convictions were confirmed and the sentence of death was altered to one of transportation for life.

87. The total number of all cases which came up before the High Court during the year was 852 (591) and the number disposed of was 719 (531).

Punishments.

88. Five persons were sentenced to death by the Sessions Judges during the year. Thirteen persons were sentenced to transportation for life. Out of 5,173 persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 4,535 were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 638 for longer periods.

89. The number of persons fined was 43,362 (34,050). The total amount of fines imposed and realised was Rs. 6,22,153 and Rs. 5,28,246 respectively. The amount of compensation paid was Rs. 2,356 (Rs. 1,126).

(vii) Civil Justice.

90. The number of Civil Courts in the State other than Village Courts was 44, the same as in the previous year.

91. The total number of both original and small cause suits instituted during the year was 25,352 (excluding refiled and remanded suits) against 19,351 in the previous year. The number of original suits instituted in the District Courts was 258 (207). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 747 (500), in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 15,881 against (11,940). On the Small Cause side, the number instituted in the District Court, Civil Station, Bangalore, was 411, (389). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 4,596 (3,413) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 3,459 (2,906).

Miscellaneous Cases.

92. The total number of miscellaneous cases filed was 6,475 (5,252) and the number disposed of was 6,212 (4,996). The number of cases left pending was 3,038 (2,775).

93. The number of regular appeals filed during the year was 2,753 (2,386) and the number disposed of was 1,833, (1,511). The number of cases transferred to other courts for disposal was 832 (742). The average duration of appeals disposed of was 254·91 days against 263·49 days during 1949-50. Of the 528 miscellaneous appeals, 350 were disposed of leaving 178 (136) pending at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 126·7.

High Court.

94. The number of first appeals filed during the year was 312 (186). Including 358 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 670 appeals. The number disposed of was 169 (141). The number of second